REMARKS

The only issues outstanding in the Office Action mailed December 27, 2007, are the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112, 102 and 103. Claims 19 and 20 have been indicated as being allowable. Reconsideration of the rejections, in view of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. 112

Claims 17 and 21 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. Correction of the typographical error obviates this rejection, and withdrawal thereof is respectfully requested.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. 102 and 103

The present claims have been amended to be of a scope as allowable claim 19.

Accordingly, it is submitted that all rejections over art are moot, and withdrawal thereof is respectfully requested.

The claims of the application are submitted to be in condition for allowance.

However, if the Examiner has any questions or comments, he is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned at the number below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

Respectfully submitted,

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